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1. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE EMBASSY JAKARTA WITH AS MUCH UNCLASSIFIED MATERIAL AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE CURRENT REALITIES IN VIET-NAM AND CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WHICH COULD BE PASSED ON TO APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF GOI.

2. WE REITERATE SUGGESTION EMBASSY JAKARTA REPRESENTATIVES VISIT SAIGON WHENEVER POSSIBLE, ASSUMING AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S APPROVAL. I HAD GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH PAO MINISTER KLIEFORTH AS HE WAS PASSING THROUGH BANGKOK. I REGRET HIS INABILITY, BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS UNBREAKABLE COMMITMENT IN JAKARTA, TO WORK IN FEW DAYS IN SAIGON BEFORE HIS RETURN. I AM UNAWARE OF LETTER OF MARCH 1 REFERRED TO IN PARA 5. I HAD EXTENDED INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR NEWSOM TO VISIT SAIGON ENROUTE TO JAKARTA, BUT UNDERSTOOD HIS INABILITY TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THE NECESSITY TO ARRIVE AND PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF

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DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH. ALTHOUGH I EXPECT TO BE AWAY FROM SAIGON BEGINNING EARLY NEXT WEEK, AMBASSADOR NEWSOM OR ANY

OF HIS COLLEAGUES WILL BE WELCOME AT ANY TIME.

3. WE GAVE DETAILED BRIEFING TO INDONESIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT THIS WEEK WHICH WAS EXTERMELY WELL RECEIVED AND WHICH APPARENTLY COINCIDED WITH THEIR OWN OBSERVATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO OFFER USEFUL SUGGESTION ON HOW TO COUNTER PRESS AND RADIO ACCOUNTS OF MILITARY REVERSES AND INCREASED FIGHTING EXCEPT TO SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT BE POINTED OUT THAT THESE SAME SOURCES HAVE BEEN FORECASTING THE IMMINENT COLLAPSE OF SVN FOR THE LAST DECADE AND A HALF AND THAT PERHAPS, THEREFORE, THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION WHICH WE WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE JAKARTA MIGHT BE MORE REALISTIC.

4. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH RECORDED REF C AND WE ARE CERTAIN THAT WORKING TOGETHER WE MAY DO A GOOD BIT TO BRING OFFICIAL GOI PERCEPTIONS OF THE CURRENT REALITIES MORE IN ACCORD WITH THE FACTS.
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